



## CITY OF ATLANTA

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**02-C -2081**

November 18, 2002

President Cathy Woolard and  
Members of Atlanta City Council  
City Hall, Suite 2900 South  
68 Mitchell Street SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

**RE: Appointment to the MARTA Board of Directors**

Dear President Woolard and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint J. Michael Walls to serve as a member of the **MARTA Board of Directors** of the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a **term of four (4) years**, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

I am confident that Mr. Walls will serve MARTA with distinction. A resume is attached for your perusal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirley Franklin".

Shirley Franklin

Enclosures

## **MICHAEL WALLS**

770 McGill Place  
Atlanta, Ga. 30312  
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### **SUMMARY**

Attorney with extensive experience in labor relations particularly in the transportation industry and specifically involving MARTA and other transit authorities as well as experience in representation of state boards.

### **EXPERIENCE**

Twenty-eight years experience practicing law, primarily representing employees and labor unions in litigation, arbitration, negotiations, drafting of labor contracts and legislation:

#### **Private practice of law representing employees and labor unions – 1977 to Present**

- **Partner in law firm of Nakamura, Quinn and Walls, LLP** with offices in Atlanta and Birmingham, the only regional union-labor law firm in Southeast. Provides legal counsel and representation in litigation, arbitration and negotiations for labor organizations, several of which (including Amalgamated Transit Union, Transport Workers Union, Air Line Pilots Association, Professional Airline Flight Controllers Association) are active in the transportation industry. Provides legal counsel for boards of trustees for jointly-administered, union-management pension, health and training funds.
- **MARTA – Related Experience:** Maintained twenty-year relationship with the union representing employees at MARTA. Drafted legislation and testified before Georgia General Assembly regarding amendments to the MARTA Act including significant input into the provisions that govern the collective bargaining process at MARTA. Represented Union in the statutorily-mandated collective bargaining process and litigation which arose out of that process; other significant litigation in the Georgia Supreme Court and U. S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit that established binding interpretations of the MARTA Act. Represented MARTA employees in lawsuit which resulted in over-time pay for certain duties such as preparatory to beginning driving or operating time.
- **Other Transportation Industry and State Board Experience:** Representation of local unions that represent employees of public transit authorities in Savannah and Macon, Georgia; Mobile, Alabama; and Pensacola, Florida as well as private bus and van service providers in Columbia, South Carolina; and Escambia, Santa Rosa and Dade Counties, Florida. Part-time hearing officer for the Georgia Real Estate Commission and Real Estate Appraiser's Board for twenty-five years.
- **Martindale-Hubbell Directory of Lawyers Rating:** AV (Highest rating given).

#### **Georgia State Law Department – Assistant Attorney General - 1975 to 1977**

- Drafted legislation, advised and represented State agencies and boards including the Composite Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Nurses and Real Estate Commission.

***Professional Associations and Activities:***

- Atlanta Bar Association – President Labor Law Section 1996-1997.
- AFL-CIO Lawyer’s Coordinating Committee – Advisory Board 1987-1990.
- Counsel to Georgia Labor-Management Conference – 1995-2001.
- Atlanta Legal Aid Society Advisory Board – 1976-1986.
- Industrial Relations Research Association – President Atlanta Chapter 1985-1987.

***Published Writings:***

- “Merger of Law and Equity in Alabama”, 33 Alabama Lawyer 132, 1972.
- “NLRB Regional Director Has Discretion in Petitioning for Injunction After Determining Probable Unfair Labor Practice by Union”, 3 Cumberland-Samford Law Review 226, 1972.
- “Problems and Solutions in Exclusionary Zoning”, 4 Cumberland-Samford Law Review 105, 1973.
- “The Law of Naturalization – A Uniform Law, Devoid of Uniformity”, 7 Cumberland-Samford Law Review 211, 1976.
- “Fifth Circuit Survey, Constitutional-Criminal Law”, 27 Mercer Law Review 911, 1976.

**EDUCATION**

J. D., *cum laude*, Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, Birmingham, AL, 1973.  
B. A., History, Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, GA, 1968.

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request.

**J. Michael Walls, (P.C.)**

Member

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I am a partner in the law firm, Nakamura, Quinn & walls, LLP, a labor law firm with offices in Atlanta, Georgia and Birmingham, Alabama. From approximately 1982 until 1998, I represented the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 732. However, since approximately 1998, I have done no significant work for that Union.

My biographical information is as follows:

**J. Michael Walls, (P.C.)**, (Member) born La Grange, Georgia, December 3, 1944; admitted to bar, 1974, Ohio; 1975, Georgia. **Education:** Georgia Southern College (A.B., 1968); Cumberland School of Law of Samford University (J.D., cum laude, 1973). Member, Advisory Board, AFL-CIO Lawyer's Coordinating Committee, 1987-1990. **Member:** Atlanta (President, Labor Law Section, 1996-1997) Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia. **Practice Areas:** Labor Law; Employment Law.

I reside at 770 McGill Place, Atlanta, Georgia 30312. My home telephone number is 404-577-7833.

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5:17 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

02-C-2081

Appoint Mr. J. Michael Walls to the  
MARTA Board of Directors for 4 yr. term  
CONFIRM/AMEND

YEAS: 12  
NAYS: 1  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 2  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	B Martin	N Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	NV Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Woolard

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A COMMUNICATION BY MAYOR SHIRLEY FRANKLIN

A COMMUNICATION BY MAYOR SHIRLEY FRANKLIN APPOINTING J. MICHAEL WALLS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MARTA BOARD OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON THE BEGIN ON THE DATE OF COUNCIL CONFIRMATION.

CONFIRMED BY

JAN 06 2003

COUNCIL

As Amended

- ☐ CONSENT REFER  
☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER  
☐ ADVERTISE & REFER  
☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER  
☒ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 11/18/02

Referred To: Transportation + CCC

Date Referred

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First Reading

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred To \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Transportation  
Date 11/25/02  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Members

Committee CCC

Date 1/6/03  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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Members

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Committee

Committee Transportation  
Date 12/11/02

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Members

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Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)  
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Members

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- FINAL COUNCIL ACTION  
☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd  
Readings  
☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☒ RC Vote

CERTIFIED  
JAN 06 2003

ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
Lester B. Boardman

CERTIFIED  
JAN 06 2003  
Ruth Franklin Johnson  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION